

**Examples:**

- (i) Let  $f_n = 1/n \chi_{(0,n)}$ . Then:  
 $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure since  $\{x : |f_n - 0| \geq \epsilon\} = \emptyset$  for  $1/n < \epsilon$ .
- (iii) Let  $f_n = n \chi_{[0,1/n]}$ . Then:  
 $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure since  $\{x : |f_n(x) - 0| \geq \epsilon\} \subseteq [0, 1/n]$ .
- (iv) Let  $f_n = \chi_{[j/2^k, (j+1)/2^k]}$  where  $n = 2^k + j$  and  $0 \leq j \leq 2^k$ . That is,  
 $f_1 = \chi_{[0,1]}, f_2 = \chi_{[0,1/2]}, f_3 = \chi_{[1/2,1]}, f_4 = \chi_{[0,1/4]}, f_5 = \chi_{[1/4,1/2]}$   
 $f_6 = \chi_{[1/2,3/4]}, f_7 = \chi_{[3/4,1]}, f_8 = \chi_{[0,1/8]}, \dots$  Then:  
 $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure.

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**Proposition 2.29:** If  $\int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \rightarrow 0$ , that is  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ , then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure.

**Proof:** Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $E_{n,\epsilon} = \{x : |f_n - f| \geq \epsilon\}$ . Then,  $0 \leftarrow \int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \geq \int_{E_{n,\epsilon}} |f_n - f| d\mu \geq \epsilon \mu(E_{n,\epsilon}) \Rightarrow \lim_n \mu(E_{n,\epsilon}) = 0$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Note that the converse of Proposition 2.29 is false: Let  $f_n = 1/n \chi_{(0,n)}$ .

Then,  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in measure, but  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n - 0| dm = 1 \not\rightarrow 0$ .

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**Theorem 2.30:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space, and  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable. Then, if  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure and  $f_n \rightarrow g$  in measure, then  $f = g$  a.e. If  $\{f_n\}$  is Cauchy in measure, then there exists  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is measurable such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure. Moreover, if  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure, then there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{n_j}\}$  such that  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e.

[Note that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure  $\Leftrightarrow \{f_n\}$  is Cauchy in measure.]

**Proof:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space, and  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable. Suppose that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure and  $f_n \rightarrow g$  in measure. Then, given  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq \epsilon\} \subseteq \{x : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon/2\} \cup \{x : |g(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon/2\}$  because  $\epsilon \leq |f(x) - g(x)| \leq |f(x) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - g(x)|$ . So,  $\mu(\{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) \leq \mu(\{x : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon/2\}) + \mu(\{x : |g(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon/2\})$  for all  $n$ , and also by the hypotheses  $\mu(\{x : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon/2\}) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mu(\{x : |g(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \epsilon/2\}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $\mu(\{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) = 0$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ .  
 Now,  $\{x : f(x) \neq g(x)\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{x : |f(x) - g(x)| \geq 1/n\} \Rightarrow \mu(\{x : f(x) \neq g(x)\}) = 0$ . Thus,  $f = g$  a.e.

Assume that  $\{f_n\}$  is Cauchy in measure. Let  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 1/2$ , then there exists  $N_1$  such that  $n, m \geq N_1$  implies that  $\mu(\{x : |f_n - f_m| \geq 1/2\}) < 1/2$ . Let  $g_1 = f_{N_1}$ . Now, pick  $N_2 > N_1$  such that  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = 1/4$ . Then, whenever  $n, m \geq N_2$ ,  $\mu(\{x : |f_n - f_m| \geq 1/4\}) < 1/4$ . Let  $g_2 = f_{N_2}$ . Continue the process inductively to get  $g_j = f_{N_j}$  such that

$$\mu(E_j) = \mu(\{x : |g_{j+1} - g_j| \geq 1/2^j\}) < 1/2^j. \text{ Let } F_k = \bigcup_{j=k}^{\infty} E_j$$

(the tail end of  $E_j$ 's), then  $\mu(F_k) \leq \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \mu(E_j) < \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} 2^{-j} = 2^{1-k}$ .

Let  $F_{\infty} = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$ . Remember that  $F_1 \supseteq F_2 \supseteq \dots$ . Next, let

$$h(x) = g_1(x) + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (g_{l+1}(x) - g_l(x)).$$

If  $x \notin F_k$  (that is,  $x \in F_k^c$ ),  $x \notin E_j$  for all  $j \geq k \Rightarrow |g_{j+1} - g_j| < 1/2^j \Rightarrow$  the above series is absolutely convergent if  $x \in F_k^c$ , which is true for all  $k$ .

Thus, the series for  $h$  is absolutely convergent for all  $x \in \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k^c = (\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k)^c = F_{\infty}^c$ . Hence, if  $x \notin F_{\infty}$ ,  $h(x) = \lim_j [g_1(x) +$

$$\sum_{l=1}^j (g_{l+1}(x) - g_l(x))] = \lim_j g_{j+1}(x).$$

Thus,  $g_j(x) = f_{N_j}(x) \rightarrow h(x)$  for all  $x \notin F_{\infty}$ . But,  $\mu(F_{\infty}) = \lim_k \mu(F_k) = 0$ . Therefore,  $f_{N_j} \rightarrow h$  pointwise a.e.

**Corollary 2.32:** If  $\int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \rightarrow 0$ , then there exists  $\{f_{n_j}\}$  such that  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e.

Proof: By Proposition 2.29,  $\int_X |f_n - f| d\mu \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure  ~~$\Rightarrow$  every subsequence  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$  in measure.~~ But, by Theorem

By Theorem 2.30, we can pick  $\{f_{n_j}\}$  such that  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e.

~~[Check]  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow h$  in measure  $\Rightarrow f = h$  a.e. Thus,  $f_{n_j} \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e.~~

Recall example (iv)

**Egoroff's Theorem:** Assume that  $\mu(X) < +\infty$ . Let  $f_n \rightarrow f$  pointwise a.e. Then, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $E \subseteq X$  and  $\mu(E) < \epsilon$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E^c$ .

**Note:** A sequence of functions may converge to a function pointwise, but it is not guaranteed that the function is continuous. But, Egoroff's Theorem says that if we throw away a not-nice part, even a crazy or wild sequence of functions converges pointwise to a function which is continuous.

**Proof:** Write  $X = X_1 \cup N$  where  $\mu(N) = 0$  and  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  for all

$$x \in X_1. \text{ Let } E_{n,k} = \bigcup_{m=n}^{\infty} \{x \in X_1 : |f_m(x) - f(x)| \geq 1/k\}.$$

Note that  $E_{n,k} \supseteq E_{n+1,k} \supseteq \dots$ . So,  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_{n,k} = \emptyset \Rightarrow$

$\lim_n \mu(E_{n,k}) = 0$ . Pick  $n_k$  such that  $\mu(E_{n_k,k}) < \epsilon/2^k$ , and let

$$E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_{n_k,k} \Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_{n_k,k}) < \epsilon. \text{ Pick } \delta > 0 \text{ such}$$

that  $1/K < \delta$ . Then,  $x \in E^c \Rightarrow x \notin E \Rightarrow x \notin E_{n_K,K}$  for all

$K \Rightarrow |f_m(x) - f(x)| \leq 1/K < \delta$  for any  $m > n_K$ . Thus,

$f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E^c$ .

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HW 11: Assume  $\mu(X) < +\infty$ Set  $Y = \{ [f] \mid f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable, } [f] = [g] \Leftrightarrow f = g \text{ a.e.} \}$ .

Prove that:

$$(1) \rho([f], [g]) = \int_X \frac{|f-g|}{1+|f-g|} d\mu \text{ is}$$

a metric on  $Y$ 

$$(2) [f_n], [f] \in Y \text{ then } \rho([f], [f_n]) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } \mu\text{-measure}$$

$$(\text{Hint for (1): show } a \leq b+c \Rightarrow \frac{a}{1+a} \leq \frac{b}{1+b} + \frac{c}{1+c})$$

HW 12: Let  $f_n, f$  be measurable,  $f_n \geq 0$ If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure, then

$$\int f d\mu \leq \liminf_n \int f_n d\mu$$

## 2.5 Product Measures

### Goals:

(1) Suppose that we are given measure spaces  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{N}, \nu)$ . We want a measure on the product  $X \times Y$ ,  $\mu \times \nu$  such that  $\mu \times \nu(A \times B) = \mu(A) \cdot \nu(B)$  where  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{N}$ . We want to construct something like this in a general product space.

(2) In Calculus, if  $I = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ , then  $\int_I f dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy$ . We want to prove a formal theorem to justify the above.

Recall that given measurable spaces  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{N})$ , the  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $X \times Y$  generated by the sets of the form  $\{A \times B : A \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } B \in \mathcal{N}\}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N}$  and called the **product  $\sigma$ -algebra**.

**Definition:** Suppose that  $E \subseteq X \times Y$ . For any  $x \in X$ , we define  $E_x = \{y : (x, y) \in E\}$ . Also, for any  $y \in Y$ , we define  $E^y = \{x : (x, y) \in E\}$ . If  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ , then we define  $f_x : Y \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  by  $f_x(y) = f(x, y)$  for any  $x \in X$ , and  $f^y : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  by  $f^y(x) = f(x, y)$  for any  $y \in Y$ .

**Proposition 2.34:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{N})$  be measurable spaces. Then:

- (a) If  $E \in \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N}$ , then  $E_x \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $x \in X$ , and  $E^y \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $y \in Y$ .
- (b) If  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N}$ -measurable, then  $f_x : Y \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is  $\mathcal{N}$ -measurable for  $x \in X$ , and  $f^y : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -measurable for all  $y \in Y$ .

**Proof of (a):** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set  $\{E \subseteq X \times Y : E_x \in \mathcal{N} \text{ for all } x \in X \text{ and } E^y \in \mathcal{M} \text{ for all } y \in Y\}$ .

Claim:  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**Proof of Claim:** It is clear that  $\emptyset, X \times Y \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $E \in \mathcal{F}$ , then

$(E^c)_x = (E_x)^c \in \mathcal{N}$  because  $E_x \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. Similarly,  $(E^c)^y = (E^y)^c \in \mathcal{M}$ . If  $E_n \in \mathcal{F}$ ,

then  $(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n)_x = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_n)_x \in \mathcal{N}$ . Similarly,  $(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n)^y =$

$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_n)^y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Claim: If  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{N}$ , then  $A \times B \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Proof of Claim:  $(A \times B)_x = \begin{cases} B & \text{if } x \in A \\ \emptyset & \text{if } x \notin A \end{cases}$  Since  $B \in \mathcal{N}$

and  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $(A \times B)_x \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $x \in X$ . Also,

$$(A \times B)^y = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } y \in B \\ \emptyset & \text{if } y \notin B \end{cases} \Rightarrow (A \times B)^y \in \mathcal{M} \text{ for all}$$

$y \in Y$ . Thus,  $A \times B \in \mathcal{F}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  and for all  $B \in \mathcal{N}$ .

Thus,  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ , and hence  $E \in \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow E \in \mathcal{F}$ , that is  $E_x \in \mathcal{N}$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $E^y \in \mathcal{M}$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

Proof of (b): Consider  $f_{x_0}^{-1}((\alpha, +\infty]) = \{y : f_{x_0}(y) > \alpha\} = \{(x, y) : f(x, y) > \alpha\}_{x_0}$ . Since  $f$  is measurable,  $\{(x, y) : f(x, y) > \alpha\} \in \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \{(x, y) : f(x, y) > \alpha\}_{x_0} = f_{x_0}^{-1}((\alpha, +\infty]) \in \mathcal{N}$ . Thus,  $f_x$  is  $\mathcal{N}$ -measurable. Similarly,  $f^y$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -measurable.

**Definition:** Let  $X$  be a set. Then,  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$  is called a **monotone class** if  $E_j \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $E_1 \subseteq E_2 \subseteq \dots$ , then  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{C}$ , and also if  $E_j \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $E_1 \supseteq E_2 \supseteq \dots$ , then  $\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Note: Given any collection  $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  of subsets, we can talk about the monotone class generated by  $\mathcal{E}$

*Folland:* **Exercise 4 in page 24:** An algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under countable increasing unions (that is, if  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{A}$  and  $E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots$ , then  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{A}$ .)

Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ ): Suppose that an algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, and suppose that  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{A}$  and  $E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots$ . Then,  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j \in \mathcal{A}$  by the definition of  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Proof ( $\Leftarrow$ ): Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra, and  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed under countable increasing unions. Let  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{A}$ , and let  $B_1 = A_1$ ,  $B_2 = A_1 \cup A_2$ ,  $\dots$ . Then,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n$ , and also  $B_1 \subset B_2 \subset \dots$ . Thus,  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \in \mathcal{A}$  and so  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.